

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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Over hill and over date, we hear the summer coming.—Selected.

## PUT EFFICIENCY ABOVE DEMOCRATIC POLITICS

"Tammanyizing Honolulu" seems to be the aim of a faction of the Democratic county committee, and this faction succeeded in getting through the committee last Saturday night a resolution that is not only very poor politics for the Democrats to play at this time, but is utterly vicious in its tendencies.

Under the resolution engineered through by "Soapbox" Barron, the Democratic party "shall place in every position only Democrats, and in the manner provided by the rules of the Democratic party." These rules in practical effect are that candidates for office must be endorsed by precinct committeemen of their respective precincts.

The intent of this resolution is quite plainly to build up a political machine in Honolulu along the lines that Tammany Hall maintains in New York and that George B. Cox, the corrupt Cincinnati boss, maintained in the Ohio city until outraged public opinion smashed his machine and drove him into dishonored oblivion. It is a machine built on the absolute power of the political bosses to control public office and to keep public employes under their thumbs.

The resolution that went through the Democratic committee contains a misrepresentation to begin with. It recites that "in order to comply with the wishes of the people who elected them to office, that the Democratic party shall manage the city and county government."

The Democratic ticket was elected to office not because the candidates were Democrats, but because they promised a better city government than Honolulu has had within the past two years, and because the voters of this city were tired of Republican mismanagement and wanted to put Republicans out of office and try another set of men. It was inefficiency the voters revolted against, inefficiency, quarrelling and unresponsiveness to the will of the people,—it was not merely Republicans they voted against.

The newly elected Democratic supervisors are proceeding on a program of economy and efficiency that is promising and praiseworthy. Even the most partisan Republican must admit that the Democratic supervisors are doing the right thing in planning now how they can save the city money during their terms in office, and, moreover, including in their caucuses the only Republican elected to the board.

The program of the Democratic supervisors is efficiency, but this blindly partisan resolution does not mean efficiency. It does not mean anything except that the first qualification for office here is to be membership in some Democratic precinct club instead of ability to do work.

The resolution is reputed to have the backing of L. L. McCandless, but it certainly does not have the backing of the farseeing Democrats of Honolulu. This city is aroused to the necessity for running its government along sound business lines, and while such a resolution might swell the Democratic precinct club lists with men willing to sell their votes for the sake of holding their jobs in the road department or the clerk's office or the auditor's office or some other office, it will breed such dissension among more public spirited party members and such dissatisfaction in the electorate at large as to defeat its own ends.

Sheriff Jarrett has done the right thing in declaring that he will not be bound by such a mercenary and nasty move to put politics above efficiency in Honolulu. The resolution ought to be rescinded and the party ought to go clearly and sincerely on record for redeeming its platform and campaign pledges of efficient government and capable administration.

## HONOLULU CARES

That pointed question of the Inter-Church Federation, "Does Honolulu Care?" was answered with a pointed "Yes!" last night, when nearly 1500 men and women of the city gathered at the Bijou theater to take action toward checking the prevalence in this city of crime against women and girls.

Fifteen hundred earnest voices spoke that "yes" in unmistakable tones. Fifteen hundred people, the majority of them people of homes and families, heard with horror a dispassionate emphasis of facts that have been facts for too many apathetic years.

In that audience were men of every religious none. There was a

noticeable sprinkling of soldiers there. We are glad that one speaker, in declaring that growing numbers of the military here constitute a menace to young girls, said that all the soldiers are not to be criticized on such grounds, and that his remarks were not directed against all the military forces here. The scores of soldiers and marines in the massing last night are sufficient answer to any charge that Uncle Sam's men as a class are not interested in putting an end to vice conditions here.

The spirit militant was aroused last night. And it must stay aroused. No committee of investigation can accomplish any lasting good unless the hundreds of citizens who, gathering to create this committee, continue to fight, continue to protest, continue to speak, individually and collectively, against the wholesale abuse of young girls in Honolulu.

## DEMOCRATS FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Whether Hawaii is to have a new set of federal officeholders under the Democratic regime, there seems little doubt in the minds of Washington people that the Philippines are to be pretty thoroughly Bourbonized. According to a Washington dispatch, Wilson's election means many changes in the Philippines, political and economic. Soon after the new president is inaugurated, March 4, there will be a clean sweep of Republican officeholders of presidential appointments in the Philippines.

There will be a new governor general to succeed W. Cameron Forbes, a vice governor general and a complete new Philippine commission. The changes will be made as rapidly as commissions held by the present officials expire.

So well is this understood that Governor General Forbes, who is now at his Boston, Mass., home on sick leave probably will not return to Manila to serve the few remaining months of his term.

The Democratic Congress, in case of a general program of tariff reduction, is expected to abolish the restriction concerning the 300,000 tons of Philippine sugar annually admitted free to this country and admit all sugar produced in the islands free. This would have a pronounced effect in building up the Philippine sugar industry, to the possible detriment of Hawaiian and mainland sugar.

Honolulu is beginning the biggest Christmas season in its history, according to reports from retail merchants. A glance at the many advertising columns of the Star-Bulletin today—Monday, too,—gives one of the reasons, which is that the merchants have prepared for the holidays with remarkably well-selected stocks.

Fire Chief Thurston may be fired by Democrats who can see nothing but petty politics, but if he is fired there will be a revolt not only among Republicans, but among the Democrats who will not stomach such gross misuse of the people's confidence.

Reports from the president and secretary of the Sugar Planters' Association indicate another splendidly prosperous year for Hawaii. There doesn't seem to be half as much gloom over the tariff situation as some of the pessimists have been nourishing.

From the preparations made by the territory and endorsed by the sugar planters to get plantation labor from Europe even at the present exorbitant charter rates for vessels, does it look as if Hawaii is preparing to go out of the sugar business?

Those people of Honolulu who have not yet bought Red Cross seals have it still in their power today to help along in the public spirited campaign against tuberculosis. Buy a tag and do your part in fighting the great white plague.

Christmas givers will find information on the shipping page today as to mails leaving for various points. The time for getting your gifts off to the mainland is growing short.

Here come the tourists! The Promotion committee is doing its share. How about the hotels and lodging-houses?

A smile is one of the Christmas season investments that costs nothing and produces big dividends.

Greece seems to be the slippery proposition in this war!

## DR. CLARK ON HIS WAY TO NEW YORK

According to a cablegram received recently by the Board of Immigration, Victor S. Clark, commissioner of immigration for Hawaii, is on his way to New York from Russia where he has been since last May in the endeavor to secure immigrant from that country for the Hawaiian Islands.

The efforts of Mr. Clark to secure immigrants from Russia have been handicapped in no small way on account of the present war in the Balkans, and also by the fact that for a time it was expected that Russia would take a hand in the fighting. This last rumor resulted in the stopping of all the passports of the Russian laboring class such as would possibly be available for work in the islands, and on account of this stoppage, none of these people were allowed to leave the country. The present outlook of the Board of Immigration for securing immigrants from Russia is very blue, and the hopes of securing any this year, or for some time to come, have been abandoned.

## MATRIMONIAL TANGLE

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formally, carrying all the semblance of a court trial, and probably will not be finished until a late hour this afternoon. Miss Davis was represented by Attorney J. Lightfoot, who occupied the entire intervening time of the morning session in the presentation of her case to the commission.

Attorney General Alex. Lindsay was present to see that the hearing was conducted in a perfectly legal manner, and he halted the proceedings in the middle of Attorney Lightfoot's talk to request that Prof. Wood be sent for. He argued that much of Lightfoot's statement was in the nature of evidence, concerning the verity of which none save Miss Davis and Prof. Wood had direct knowledge, and to do justice to both sides Prof. Wood should hear Miss Davis' version. The hearing was halted fifteen minutes accordingly, until Prof. Wood appeared on the scene.

According to the evidence on which Superintendent Pope refused to reappoint Miss Davis to a position at the Normal school, she had been attempting to teach in the third grade, but had shown absolutely no control over her pupils. School Inspector Gibson's written report of a visit he paid her room on Sept. 18, 1912, states that he found utter confusion and chaos reigning, that she did not know how to handle the students, and that when a cadet teacher was sent in to relieve her the latter proved the more satisfactory. Concluding, he says:

"My opinion is that, Miss Davis is utterly impossible as a teacher, and that it is a sinful waste of public funds to continue her salary. From what I have seen of Miss Davis and her work I am forced to believe that she is an extremely erratic person or not quite sane."

In the same evidence is a copy of a letter purporting to have been written by Mrs. May T. Wilcox, one of the commissioners, dated Sept. 20. This says in part:

"I went to Miss Davis' room Friday morning, September 20, and remained there from 9:30 to 11:10 a. m. She was trying to teach the weather chart to her pupils. She did not try to teach any other lesson during the time I was in her room. She spent the time walking up and down the aisles trying to get her pupils into order."

"Four boys jumped out of the window. At one time three girls were standing on a table in the front part of the room. One boy jumped from desk to desk down a whole row of seats. The floor was strewn with pieces of chalk which the children had thrown at each other and their teacher. One boy struck the teacher and took the ruler out of her hand."

"The utmost disorder prevailed during the whole morning and the pupils did no work of any kind. Miss Davis was unable to control her pupils, and made no effort to teach any lesson other than the weather chart."

**College Trained.**  
Telling of Miss Davis' training and experience, Attorney Lightfoot declared she is unusually well equipped for her work. She attended Bryn Mawr four years, after some years in smaller institutions. She specialized in philosophy and mathematics, took an A. B. degree, then spent two years at Harvard College, taking the Ph. D. degree there. After that she did special work in psychology at Cambridge for seven years.

Her eyes then becoming affected, she sought a change of climate, and through a teachers' agency, was induced to take the position in Hawaii. He said Miss Davis never pretended to be a grade teacher, and declared it was distinctly understood she could

## PERSONALITIES

DR. A. B. CLARKE is fast recovering from his recent indisposition. GOV. AND MRS. FREAR are receiving callers at their residence this afternoon. SECRETARY E. A. MOTT-SMITH returned yesterday on the Wilhelmna from Hilo. ATTORNEY W. H. SMITH, of Hilo, the new school commissioner of Eastern Hawaii, is here attending the conference of that board.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

**BANDMASTER BERGER**—Talk about Honolulu—it's not a patch on New York for dirt. And the streets here are poorly lighted, the lamps being too far apart.

**WALTER E. SHAW**—Opposite Oahu College the road department is carrying up a piece of road which is in good condition. I should think it would be better if they spent the money on roads that are badly in need of repair—Waialae Road for instance.

**WALTER E. SHAW**—We are trying to attract tourists to Honolulu, but neglect obvious means of improving the attractiveness of the city. The bandstand in the Capitol grounds is looking disreputable for want of a coat of paint, which would cost only a few dollars.

**CHARLES BARRON**—The Democrats have two men available for fire chief; who are just as good as Thurston. All we ask is that the supervisors keep their pledge, which the county committee has in writing, that they will make no appointments without the consent of the county committee.

## ECONOMY AXE

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number of Republicans now holding down jobs are going to be deprived of their stipends shortly after Jan. 1.

In the auditor's office, it is said that A. Q. Marcellino, one of the clerks, is to be dropped altogether, while the position of Sol Mahelona, now carrying a salary of \$135 a month, is to bring only \$100. Deputy Auditor James Lloyd is declared to be due for a salary cut from \$175 a month to \$150.

One clerkship in the county clerk's office is to be cut out, rumor assigning Henry Van Gieson, whose salary is \$135 a month, to the role of martyr. Several other salaries here are in imminent danger of reduction.

Harry Lake, special police officer assigned to confidential work in the city attorney's office, was said to have been marked for slaughter, but the latest report is that he is to be retained but with a reduction of salary, possibly from \$135 to \$100 a month. Deputy Milverton's salary will be reduced from \$275 to \$225 a month, and A. M. Brown's from \$235 to \$200, according to proposed plans. Also, the stenographer's salary will be \$100 instead of \$115.

The road department will probably be given a very thorough shaking-up. Under the plans the supervisors have been discussing, there will be no road supervisor for this district. Caldwell's position being abolished or rather, the county engineer will also be the road overseer or supervisor. He will have closer charge of the garbage department than at present, and will be in immediate control of the engineering, road and garbage functions of city government.

This shake-up means some salary reductions and at least one clerk dropped. Tommy Cummins, statistical clerk, is said to be due for the Democratic axe.

The treasurer's office may lose a clerk. Whether this means a change of employee is problematical, as Andrew Cox himself is in the treasury department and will of course have to give this up on assuming his elective office.

The supervisors have appointed Mayor Fern a committee of one to see about securing a new location for the "city hall" in case, as they say it intimated, more rent is asked for the present quarters in the building at Fort and King streets. The treasurer's department is to be in the Kapiolani building.

Prosecuting Attorney John Cathcart conducted the prosecution of all cases brought before District Magistrate Monsarrat at police court this morning.

not and would not take a position of that character, but came as a special instructor. He declared it was understood that she was to have employment here at a salary of not less than \$900 a year and for a period of less than two years. Her final, formal appointment was as assistant teacher at the Normal, for the year 1911-1912.

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## FACTIONAL FIGHT

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There is talk that next Saturday night an effort will be made to have the resolution reconsidered, and in any event some of the Democratic heads propose to have Sheriff Jarrett, it is understood, fuses to be bound by the resolution running the police department.

A prominent Democrat and committee man said this morning that he personally would have to do the resolution had he been at the time when Barron brought it up. "The whole thing is nothing but a scheme of Link McCandless," he alleged, "and Barron put the title up with McCandless' sanction."

"It is going to put the party in a King George attending a shooting light, because it prevents the police officers from using their discretion in selecting men to do the work. An extra guest was hastily will build a machine here in Honolulu."

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We have the following property for sale in this district:  
House and two lots, Po Hill \$3500.00  
House and two lots, Veimina Rise \$2500.00  
House and lot, Park Ave. Kaimuki \$2600.00  
House and lot, Sixth Ave. Kaimuki \$2700.00  
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